

HOUSE RESOLUTION 61

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of William Harlan Pulliam of Somerville.

WHEREAS, we were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of William Harlan Pulliam, a native of Somerville; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pulliam was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, the son of the late Thomas Jefferson Pulliam and Evanna Harvey Pulliam, William Harlan Pulliam proudly served his country in the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, a devout Christian, Mr. Pulliam was of the Baptist faith and an active member at Living Testimony Church in Somerville; and

WHEREAS, he earned the respect and admiration of his colleagues and supervisors alike while working for South Central Bell for thirty-eight years; and

WHEREAS, an active citizen who believed strongly in giving back to his community, Mr. Pulliam was a member of the Jaycees and organized the first Christmas parade in Somerville; and

WHEREAS, a businessman in all aspects of life, Harlan Pulliam will be fondly remembered as a dedicated friend who never met a stranger, a great football player in his earlier days, a gifted storyteller, and a useful handyman around his home; and

WHEREAS, he was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pulliam is mourned but fondly remembered by his beloved wife, Ava Pulliam; his daughters, Terri Edwards and Mary Beth Pulliam; his son, Chris Pulliam (Brandy); his stepdaughter, Dana Voyles (Ricky); his grandchildren, Lauren Edwards Spencer (Lee),

Hunter Pulliam (SaraBeth Currey), Zeb Pulliam, and Clara Pulliam; and many other relatives, including great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife, Mary Elizabeth "Mimi" Walker Pulliam; his stepson, Keith Hawkins; three brothers; and three sisters; and

WHEREAS, William Harlan Pulliam leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of William Harlan Pulliam, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Pulliam.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.